



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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Learning Programmes Unit 6/3  
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## Theme for the Week - "Martyrdom"

Jesus said, 'If anyone wants to come with me he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his own life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.'

Mark 8 : 34-35

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## MATHEMATICS UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASS

On Friday 16 June, 2 Year 9 pupils were selected to represent Plessington at a series of mathematics Masterclasses run by Liverpool University for all Merseyside schools.

Connor Smyth and Stephanie Riddick had an enjoyable day solving mathematical puzzles, including a seminar on the 'Theory of Impossibility', and were a credit to the school.

Next year they have been booked in to compete on *University Challenge!*

Well done Stephanie and Connor.

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## HOUSE SYSTEM

From September 2006 all students at St John Plessington Catholic College will belong to a 'house'. The idea behind this is to encourage competition between houses but also to add another layer of 'belonging' within our community. The house system will be across all year groups, so any one house will be made up of students from Year 7 right through to Sixth Form.

The houses have been named after prominent Catholics - Kolbe, Bernadette, Romero, Teresa, Hume and Bosco. Students will learn about their house patron through PSHE and R.E.

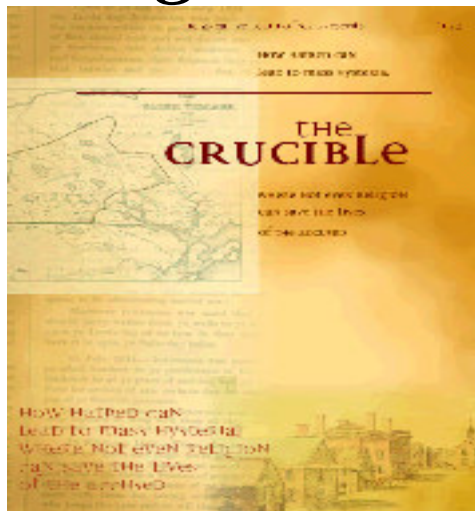
Students will have the opportunity to gain house points through lessons and extra curricular activities over the year, and their house point total will be added up to give a house point total. Individuals will also be rewarded at bronze, silver and gold levels.

All students from each House will wear a polo shirt for PE in the House colours:

Kolbe	-	grey
Teresa	-	gold
Bernadette	-	sky blue
Hume	-	maroon
Romero	-	red
Bosco	-	green

Students will be informed this week of their houses. These will not replace form groups or year groups, but will run alongside the current system. For matters of a curricular or pastoral nature the usual staff should be contacted - Head of Learning, Form Tutor or Head of Department.

# Plessington News



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## The Crucible by Arthur Miller

A whole school performance of the play with original music and a specially adapted script will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006** in the main hall. Tickets are on sale priced at £2 and £1.50. Mr McGuire is supervising the sale of the tickets. There is only one performance so come and support the students in their joint Musical and Dramatic endeavour.

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## PRIMARY LINKS

A reminder to our colleagues in partner Primary Schools that our Year 6 Induction Day takes place on Wednesday 5 July at 9.00 a.m. We are looking forward to welcoming our new pupils and we very much hope that they will enjoy their day with us. We have a great programme lined up for them!

The Year 6 Induction Evening takes place on Thursday 6 July 2006 and begins at 7.30 p.m. We are hoping to welcome as many new parents as possible to come and view the school that evening and find out more about life at Plessington. Year 6 pupils are also welcome to accompany mums and dads and meet more of their new teachers. If colleagues from our partner Primary Schools are able to attend, we will be very happy to welcome them too.

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## CRICKET REPORTS

Matches this week were unfortunately hit by the weather and one opponent going to the wrong venue. Year 8, however, took on Lymm School in the Cheshire Cup. These fixtures are always going to be difficult with our opposition having a number of players already playing successfully with outside clubs. Lymm scored 170 in their 20 overs. In reply Year 8 managed to get 60.

We would like to thank all parents who have been able to assist with transport to fixtures. Help will be needed for this week's games at New Brighton Cricket Club. Please contact us if you can help or if you would like details of local Cricket Clubs which run junior programmes.

## Next Week's Fixtures

Tuesday Year 8 v. Oldershaw at New Brighton Cricket Club  
Thursday Year 7 v. Oldershaw at Oldershaw

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Visit our new e-learning portal - <http://www.samlearning.com>

### PUPIL ABSENCES/SICKNESS

Just a reminder to telephone the school office to report pupil absences as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

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### E-MAIL MESSAGES

As from Monday 26 June 2006 all messages received for staff will be e-mailed to them. This will hopefully improve the speed of communication between parents and staff.

### CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Well done to everyone who cycled to school this week, including staff. There are still some goody bags available if you would like to continue to cycle to school until the end of term!

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### YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS TRIP TO TRANMERE ROVERS

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 22 Year 9 pupils, together with Mr Aubrey and Mr Lightfoot, spent the morning at Tranmere Rovers Football Club.

The pupils selected had attended additional Mathematics classes as part of the department's SATS booster classes.

During the morning, the pupils played an interactive World Cup quiz using hand-held answering devices, had a behind the scenes tour of the stadium and completed a Mathematics trail around the stadium.

Steven Williams of 9MW described the morning as *"really enjoyable and well worth doing"*.

Come and see the display on the Maths corridor (opposite B15).

Booster lessons for current Year 8 pupils will be offered next year in conjunction with Tranmere Rovers.



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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to these Year 12 pupils; Scot Devoy, Melanie Cliff and Francis D'Elia. Melanie begins a bursary at Liverpool Veterinary School. She will be carrying out a research project into anaesthetics in dogs and has to report her findings to the college. Scott is working alongside a mathematics professor at Liverpool University, preparing a 'Maths Show' for younger pupils. Hopefully he will be able to present the show to some pupils at Plessington in September. Francis would like a career in aeronautics and has gained a prestigious placement with a company in Liverpool which designs and engineers aeroplane parts. Good luck to all of them.

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### SCIENCE MODULAR GCSE EXAM

Year 10 modular course pupils have a GCSE examination on **Tuesday 27 June 2006** – as detailed in the learning programmes. The exam contributes towards 50% with their coursework. This should have been completed and given to their Science teacher last week. The exam begins at 9.00 a.m. Please make sure pupils are on time to registration and have a black biro and a calculator. The Science department wishes every pupil success.

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### AWARDS EVENING

12 July 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

**Special Guest – Phil Neal  
Ex Liverpool and England player**

Our Annual Awards Evening – a celebration of achievements – takes place on 12 July at 7.00 p.m. Guest of honour this year is Phil Neal – ex Liverpool and England footballer.

Staff have been asked to nominate students in various areas of the curriculum and pastoral life and the school and students will be contacted via letter this week. For ticket information and further news of the events, see this publication over the next few weeks. It promises to be a memorable event.

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### PANTASAPH RETREAT

The RE department organised 3 retreats this week to Pantasaph for the Year 8s. The theme for the 3 days was respect. The Year 8 pupils were fantastic and engaged in all the activities fully. The Youth for Christ team led some of the games and commented on how great all the pupils were. Many thanks to staff and pupils who made the three days a very enjoyable and spiritual experience.



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### P.E. NOTICE

Congratulations to those who took part in the highly successful Football World Cup last week. The 80 plus competitors involved provided excellent entertainment with all games producing football of a very high standard. Further congratulation to the winners of each competition.

#### Year 7 – PORTUGAL

Stefan Bilek, Chris Shaw, Matthew Cass, Lee McNeill, Ryan Bennett, Josh Lounds, Kurtis Darling, Curtis Farrell

#### Year 8 - JAPAN

John Skipsey, Adam Mazier, Joel Belmar, Aaron Williams, Luke Chapple, Alex Campbell

#### Year 9 & 10 – SOUTH KOREA

Danny Morgan, Kieran Read, Stewart Lloyd, Paul Davies, Joe Owen, Luke Cassidy, Mark Richardson, Luke Richards

#### ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 pupils who took part in the Athletics Championships on Tuesday. We did extremely well gaining lots of points, final results will be published next week.

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**“MATHEMOTIV8OR” COMING SOON**